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Fortuna's grief likened to Newtown's

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HYDESVILLE – At a Saturday afternoon funeral service, Pastor Michael Delamarian III of Hydesville Community Church compared the grief inflicted by the hit-and-run deaths of two teenagers near Fortuna to the misery that engulfed Newtown, Conn. in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre at Christmas-time in 2012.

Delamarian officiated at the 4 p.m. memorial service
FORTUNA ❖ A2

Grocery Outlet to be built in McKinleyville

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MCKINLEYVILLE – Grocery Outlet is opening a new store in McKinleyville across the street from the Mill Creek Marketplace.

The grocery chain plans to demolish about 12 structures, mostly homes, located on several lots southeast of the intersection of Central Avenue and School Road. The land will be cleared to make way for a 20,000-square-foot store at 1601 Central Ave.

"We will be breaking ground soon and are targeting an opening in the first half of next year," stated Grocery Outlet spokesperson Brendan Wonnacott in an email. "Obviously we are early in the process but we are very excited to serve the community."

The company has applied with the county for a demolition permit, building permit and lot line adjustment through the County of Humboldt.

A meandering sidewalk will be built along Central Avenue on the property's frontage.

Local murder rate worse than it looks

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EUREKA – Humboldt County's homicide rate, nearly twice as bad as California's, is even worse than official records show, according to Sheriff Mike Downey.

The 30-year-plus veteran of local law enforcement blames Humboldt's spreading drug abscess and the deadly organized crime inseparable from it.

In an interview in his office, Downey assessed the new homicide figures published July 1 by the California Department of Justice. The figures document Humboldt's 2015 homicide rate at 8.9 per 100,000 (12 total), almost double the state's 4.8 and worse than all but three of the state's 58 counties.

Capping that, Humboldt's 2014 toll, 16 homicides, was the worst in at least 30 years.

Those figures don't tell the whole story by any means, the sheriff cautioned. For decades, an incalculable num-

"People who work for organized crime run afoul of their bosses in some way and end up getting murdered."

– Sheriff Mike Downey

ber of Humboldt murders has gone unreported because of what he calls the "cloak and secrecy" nature of the county's multi-billion dollar marijuana and hard drug underground.

MURDER ❖ A3

CHANGE OF COMMAND



ARCATA FIRE On July 1, Justin McDonald took command of the Arcata Fire District, replacing retiring chief Desmond Cowan. On Friday, July 15, the Arcata Fire District held a traditional ceremony marking the Change of Command and celebrated the achievements of career fire personnel and new volunteer personnel with a badge pinning. Top, from left, career firefighters Brett Kennard, Luke Walker, Anthony Benelisha and Nicholas Hurn were sworn in by the new chief, far right. Also shown are Deborah Davis and Tom Dewey. Davis is a new Volunteer Logistics Unit and Dewey and Dave White, not shown, are new volunteer unit captains. Left, Hurn receives his new badge.

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Local man severely injured in dog mauling

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ARCATA – A man was "severely mauled" by at least one dog in the parking lot of the Fourth Street Market on Samoa Boulevard in late June. John Pankey, 39, of Eureka, was injured on the evening of Sunday, June 26, while walking his dog. The incident left him seriously hurt and unable to work.

In an interview, Pankey said he is an eight-year veteran of both the Army and Navy, and served overseas in the Korean Demilitarized Zone as a small arms specialist before being honorably discharged.

That Sunday evening, Pankey was visiting partner Samantha Weiland, who lives in the Marsh District, south of Samoa Boulevard. A little before 10 p.m., he walked their dog Benjamin, a Shih Tzu/terrier cross, to the Fourth Street Market to pick up some brandy for himself and jerky treats for Ben-

jamin. In an interview, he recounted how he walked north on H Street in his slippers. By his own admission, he had already had a few drinks that evening.

Upon turning the corner into the market's parking lot, Pankey said he spotted two pit bull dogs, whom he had previously encountered. He picked up Benjamin in his arms to enter the store, he said. When he emerged with his dog, he left the parking lot, turning south on H Street, he said, and put Benjamin down, but the little dog refused to walk on until he got his jerky treat. Pankey said he obliged him, and played with his phone while the dog ate his treat.

Benjamin must have been startled by barking, said Pankey, because he pulled the leash out of Pankey's loose grip and ran back into the parking lot. Pankey said he hurried after, and saw Benjamin run under a car. When Pankey ran up to the car, he said, he

almost knocked over the pit bulls' owner.

One dog or two?

Before he could retrieve Benjamin, Pankey said, he felt a dog bite his left foot, and almost immediately release. He then felt a dog latch onto his right calf and tear at his muscle. Pankey is unsure whether he was attacked by one dog or two.

The second bite stopped, he said, when Benjamin ran out from under the car, and the larger dogs gave chase.

What happened next, Pankey admitted, is hazy. He returned to the Fourth Street Market where, he said, the clerk told him to leave. Pankey refused, and, he said, it was a patron entering the store who noticed the severity of Pankey's injury and called the police. Pankey admitted that at this point, he took a large drink of brandy from the bottle he had purchased minutes before.

According to the police report obtained



HOSPITALIZED John Pankey's injuries have required three surgeries to date.

PHOTO COURTESY SAMANTHA WEILAND

by the *Union*, when police arrived, Pankey was sitting against the wall next to the market's entrance. The responding officer wrote, "There was muscle, fat and skin exposed almost to the tendons of his ankle." the officer called for medical assistance.

Different accounts

The police report further states that
DOG MAULING ❖ A2

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❖ NEWS ANALYSIS

Drug peril besieges Humboldt

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HUMBOLDT – The tentacles of Humboldt’s inexorable drug scourge reach into virtually every part of its society, officials say.

The dismal impact is not confined to law enforcement, the jails, the criminal justice system and community safety.

The drug trade distorts business and the economy, overburdens hospitals and mental health services, drags down family life and single parents, depresses child welfare, jeopardizes food security, threatens residential neighborhoods with indoor grows, consumes massive amounts of energy and inflicts severe damage on the natural environment.

Humboldt County is hostage to what legal authorities call its sinister, corrupt and fatal demimonde.

Illustrative are the soaring demands on the medical establishment. Statewide data show Humboldt ranks first among California’s 58 counties for opiate overdose hospitalizations. It ranks fourth for opiate overdose deaths.

The suicide rate is four times higher than the state average and the homicide rate is nearly double the state’s.

Officials and academic specialists warn that the fusion of Humboldt’s epidemic drug trafficking with its sprawling marijuana industrial complex (8,400 grows or more) has created a society immured in a way of life that is illegal, invasive and pernicious in equal parts.

The caseload of addicts, for example, continues to beggar social welfare, rehabilitation and mental health services.

The impacts ricochet through every dimension of local life. “If you’re involved in criminal or quasi-criminal activities, you’re dealing with high risk, violent criminals each and every time you do business,” observed longtime lawyer and Humboldt County Conflict Counsel Marek Reavis.

“I think the violence endemic to Humboldt can be directly traced to the county’s deeply entrenched drug market, cannabis as well as all the other controlled substances.”

He elaborated: “The nature of the business, the players in the industry, the allure and abuse of controlled substances themselves, all contribute to the atmosphere of violence that so frequently erupts in the most horrific acts that the *Union* covers.”

Echoing Sheriff Mike Downey, Reavis added, “And, of course, many of these crimes of violence are never discovered, much less investigated or prosecuted.”

Analysts warn that the marijuana industrial complex has driven the county into yet another regression, its historical overdependence on a single commodity. In

the past, it was mining, fishing and timber. Today, it is the near-monolithic economy of marijuana, which shortchanges investment in economic diversification and legitimate productivity.

Authorities fear the county is mortgaging itself to decades to come to a false and criminal economic base that harnesses too much of its livelihood to environmental destruction. Some of that damage may never be repaired. The fanatically competitive forces of globalization threaten to imprison Humboldt in a permanent state of stunted growth and wasted opportunities.

Reavis sees the weak economy as reciprocal with the drug infestation. They reinforce one another with corrosive effects on the social fabric, the job market and everyday life.

At ground level, he said, “It’s hard to feel all that good about yourself and your prospects if you’re struggling to make ends meet working one, one-and-a-half, or even two minimum wage jobs, while all around town you see 20-year-olds driving huge Toyota Tundras, pulling trailers full of quads or jet skis, all paid for with huge wads of cash.”

Reavis echoed Downey’s fatalism. “I certainly don’t know what the answer is, but continuing along the path we’ve already trodden for decades isn’t going to turn up the solution.”

Downey said in an interview in his office that the intrusiveness and omnipresence of the marijuana industrial complex have deeply altered Humboldt’s character and what was once a species of small-time innocuous if illegal agriculture.

Growing foreign influence is part of the criminal change. The sheriff met several weeks ago with residents of Bridgeville, “who are outraged by the Bulgarian connection. They see commodities, soils and water tanks going up and down Highway 36. They say, ‘Our area was much quieter five or 10 years ago; we had a respectful, small-scale native industry.’ Now the character of the industry has changed, altered immensely.”

Downey suspects the clandestine foreign influence is expanding, with “a high percentage of Bulgarians in the county, including enclaves in Petrolia as well as Bridgeville. There could be some other East European nationalities involved. Why there are Bulgarians in Humboldt County, I don’t know.”

The upshot, he says, is that Humboldt’s so-called “mom and pop” marijuana grows are being pushed out at a rapid rate. Big-time producers have an abundance of administrative resources, finance and infrastructure that “cottage” growers cannot match.

This development compounds Hum-

boldt’s murder and crime rates, Downey lamented, making public safety, law enforcement and crime prevention a near-Herculean task, adding more and more responsibilities to officer workloads.

Burgeoning opiate overdoses have compelled the Arcata Police Department to equip its officers with Naloxone (Narcan) to reign in fatalities. A county initiative, it requires extra hours of training and adds weight to and diversions away from the daily beat (*Union*, June 15). Cops serve as medical personnel as well as law enforcement officers.

Additional police responsibilities and training are in store statewide if California voters adopt Proposition 64, the recreational marijuana legalization measure on the November ballot.

Dallas Police Chief David Brown drew a chorus of agreement last when he uttered a truth that had been casually overlooked until five of the city’s officers were shot to death by a sniper, some in the back.

“We’re asking cops to do too much in this country,” Brown declared at a press briefing. “Every societal failure, we put it off on the cops to solve. Not enough mental health funding, let the cop handle it. Not enough drug addiction funding, let’s give it to the cops. You know, schools fail, give it to the cops. Seventy percent of the African-American community is being raised by single women. Let’s give it to the cops to solve that as well. That’s too much to ask. Policing was never meant to solve all of those [social and family breakdown] problems.”

In Humboldt, the sheriff makes plain the intensity and the scale of the threat which embattles county law enforcement day after day, year-in, year-out, in a long twilight struggle. The grip and scope of the black market, and the multitude of arrests reported piecemeal in the press, convince him that legalization will change little.

As if the triple threat of marijuana, meth and opiates was not bad enough, the county is the scene of a nationwide proliferation of synthetic drugs aggressively marketed to children and teens, including K2, Spice (both sold locally) and a host of others like Blue Magic, California Dreams and Diablo (*Union*, also June 15).

“Those who are coming from outside the county are [embarked] on another Gold Rush,” Downey said, a rapacious exploitation of the society, the economy and the environment that is unstoppable.

In his words, “They’re coming here to make their millions and then they’ll get out. They have no buy-in to the county and they don’t care what they leave in their wake. As in the Gold Rush days, they say ‘This is my claim and I’m going to protect it’.”

❖ MCKINLEYVILLE

Neighbors want McK board to dissolve zone

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – It’s not unusual for the McKinleyville Community Services District to create special zones to pay for landscape maintenance in new subdivisions, but dissolving zones is extremely rare – so rare that district manager Greg Orsini said he doesn’t recall if it has ever happened before.

Now faced with a neighborhood displeased with the level of maintenance work it receives, the district is considering dissolving a landscape zone for the Camino Way subdivision, located west of Central Avenue south of Airport Road.

The landscape maintenance zone for the 20-home subdivision, built by JLF Construction, was created in 1997. The homeowners are each assessed a few dollars a month on their combined sewer/water bills to pay for the maintenance.

Originally, the district was supposed to just maintain the landscaping along a 20-foot strip on either side of Camino Way’s entrance to Central Avenue. However, at some unknown point in time, crews started maintaining the entire landscape strip within the subdivision.

About a year ago, the district evaluated all of its zones to make sure that it was compliant with the approved maintenance plans. That’s when the district discovered that it was maintaining more of Camino Way than it was supposed to. But when the district stopped its maintenance, residents in the subdivision complained.

They say the district should maintain all the landscaping. At a July 6 meeting, some residents also complained that the district’s maintenance was inadequate. A petition signed by 27 Camino Way residents was submitted to the district’s Board of Directors asking that either the district maintain all of the landscaping in the neighborhood or dissolve the zone and let the neighborhood take care of the landscaping itself.

The board expressed a willingness to dissolve the zone, but wanted to find out whether the zone was a county requirement for the subdivision recordation, which could prevent its dissolution.

The board also wanted an accounting of the funds collected related to the maintenance performed, according to Orsini.

The issue will be brought back to the board at a future meeting. If the board opts to dissolve the zone, it can do so with a simple majority vote.

Murder | Humboldt’s marijuana killing fields

❖ FROM B1

The hidden part of the story is a meta-narrative of the North Coast’s marijuana killing fields, which have become a multi-generational phenomenon, widely ignored and denied. Arrests go hand-in-hand with the seizure of weapons, ammunition, explosive devices and bomb-making materials, as well as bales of cash.

Backstairs, field workers and traffickers just disappear, never to be heard of again. “People who work for organized crime run afoul of their bosses in some way and end up getting murdered,” Downey says. “We hear stories quite often of people being taken into the woods to work on a certain grow for a period of time. An argument breaks out and one person winds up dead or severely injured.”

Inevitably, therefore, official statistics understate how acute Humboldt’s murder rate is.

Buttressing the clandestine disappearances “in the woods” and trackless wilderness are frequent and undisclosed hospital accounts, telltales of the underworld. “We get reports all the time [of patients] who have been beaten up, shot, stabbed, you name it,” Downey elaborated. “And they’ll tell you, ‘Oh, I shot myself accidentally’ or ‘No, I’m not saying anything’ or ‘I don’t know what happened.’ This happens a lot.”

The criminal nature of the county’s entrenched and lucrative drug industrial complex starts with the unshakable marijuana culture, Downey asserted. “I’m not going to say that all of our homicides are related to marijuana, but I will say there is a direct connection and correlation between the marijuana industry and the methamphetamine/heroin trade.”

Humboldt’s massive number of marijuana grows – as many as 8,400, possibly more – are an immensely powerful catalyst for drug trafficking of all kinds.

The sheriff made these points in an in-depth interview:

- Home invasions multiply and the victims are often traffickers themselves. Even if they are not killed by the invaders, they often refuse to reveal what was stolen – more marijuana, plus drugs and cash – for fear of reprisals and losing their livelihoods. That makes police work all the harder.

- Local heroin trafficking remains at epidemic levels. “We’re seizing more and more heroin each year,” said Downey. Given the grand monetary stakes, “We have people out there who will [resort] to whatever means they can

to protect whatever cash supply or cash source they have,” including murder.

On July 5, the Eureka Police Department confiscated 16 pounds of processed marijuana, plus small amounts of meth and heroin.

Together, those drugs form Humboldt’s ruinous triangle of social and environmental destruction (*Union*, March 16). The relatively new wave of synthetic drugs is compounding the plague and threatens children and teens, who are in danger of becoming the next generations of abusers, addicts and criminals.

Downey zeroed in on the deep entrenchment of drug corruption. In recent years, Eureka has become a regular distribution hub for heroin because of a strategic shift in transportation corridors.

He explained, “I-5 used to be the main thoroughfare for the transportation of drugs up and down the state and on up to Oregon and Washington. But since interdiction has reached the level it has, [producers and traffickers] are looking for alternative routes. [U.S. Highway] 101 has become an alternative distribution route, north, south and east. Eureka has become a place where we have more and more [heroin], not only passing through but [staying] here to be distributed.”

The sheriff is adamant that legalizing recreational marijuana consumption, as proposed on the November ballot’s Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, will prove useless in stemming the illegal trade.

“I don’t think it will help at all because the black market won’t go away,” he said disdainfully. “We have 49 other states it can be distributed to and believe me, Humboldt County dope goes all over the nation and to different parts of the world. So there’s always going to be a black market and there’s always going to be a violent component to that.”

The day Downey met with a reporter, July 6, the Sheriff’s Office and other agencies seized more than 11,000 marijuana plants east of Rio Dell. They recovered evidence of chemical pesticides and rodenticides and of water diversion from Atwell Creek, adding to Humboldt’s metastasizing environmental destruction.

Underscoring the near futility of legalization, Downey decried the fiasco that has dogged medical marijuana for nearly two decades. Although voters approved California’s Medical Use of Marijuana Initiative in the 1996 November election, he said, “We’re still trying to figure out how to

deal with 215. I told a recent state sheriffs meeting that it’s very ironic and very sad to think it is almost 20 years later and we are being told by our legislators – now that they’ve finally gotten their heads out of the sand – ‘It’s going to take another 10 years to fully implement it.’”

The sheriff exclaimed, “Thirty years for a voter initiative to come to fruition?! I think that’s unacceptable.”

Supporters of Proposition 64’s sweeping legalization framework concede that some 10 years will be needed to put it into working order if voters approve it. The *Union* published a detailed breakdown of the measure’s provisions in its Jan. 27 edition.

Although 14 states have made medical marijuana legal over the years, scientists, doctors, think tanks and federal drug agencies issue repeated warnings that legalization has been premature, dangerously so. Scientific research of the plant’s genetic makeup and physiological impacts is in its infancy.

The *PBS News Hour* reported recently that geneticists have sequenced 600 strains of marijuana to date. It contains more than 400 chemicals, including 80 cannabinoids.

A great deal of scientific research lies ahead because the plant’s genetic makeup, chemical compounds and their physiological effects remain a mystery. PBS reported, “Scientists are not sure how [the compounds] may interact with each other to provide some medical benefit. They are trying to understand if isolating the compounds works or if there is a so-called entourage effect.”

That means figuring out if one or another compound has medicinal properties or whether the compounds may help only in an interactive combination that is not yet understood.

Worse, health officials warn that no cannabis user knows what she/he is ingesting. Environmental scientists warn that many federally restricted pesticides are found at grow sites, including at least one, Furan, that can be fatal to humans.

Many grows, like the one near Rio Dell, are contaminated by a toxic stew of poisons used illegally and promiscuously. Businesses and consumers are in the dark about the health risks, which limited research to date shows are substantial and of particular concern to medical marijuana patients (*Union*, March 16).

Downey emphasized the point. Big-time growers are not interested in the medical marijuana market, he noted. Even if they were, “You don’t know what you’re getting. That has always amazed me about consumers. Marijuana can be full of all kinds of carcinogens, pesticides, herbicides.”

PUBLIC SAFETY

RNSP burglary suspect sought

REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS
PATRICK’S POINT – On May 31, three separate burglaries took place at Redwood National and State Parks and Patrick’s Point State Park, and rangers are seeking the public’s help in identifying the suspect.

The visitor center at Patrick’s Point State Park, an employee residence at Redwood National Park and a visitor’s vehicle at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park were all broken into, with multiple items taken in all three incidents.

The same suspect was seen at two of the three incidents. He is described as a white male, with a bald head and multiple tattoos on his arms. The suspect was seen driving a silver Toyota Tacoma with possible black aftermarket additions to the front and sides of the vehicle. The suspect and vehicle were captured on surveillance footage and have not yet been identified.

Rangers are asking the public for assistance in identifying the subject in the



LOOK FAMILIAR? A surveillance camera captured this image of the burglar.

photo. Please contact Ranger Troy at (707)465-7751 with any information. Information on this crime or any other suspected criminal activity within Redwood National and State Parks can be reported on the park’s hotline at (707) 465-7353.

Suspect injured in Arcata drug bust

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ARCATA – On Friday, July 8, the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office and the Arcata Police Department assisted the Humboldt County Drug Task Force serve a search warrant at a residence in the 800 block of Wiley Court.

According to a Sheriff’s Office press release, officers noticed Dustin James Daher, 33 – who had multiple arrest warrants, including one for resisting arrest – climb onto the roof of the residence, then down onto a second-story deck.

Confronted by police, Daher got down on his

stomach with his hands underneath him. Officers attempted to grab Daher’s hands and commanded him to put his hands behind his back.

Daher refused and resisted attempts to place him into handcuffs. After several officers managed to put Daher into handcuffs, he was transported to a local hospital to be treated for a minor injury he received during his arrest.

When officers searched the residence, they locat-



Dustin James Daher

ed methamphetamines, heroin, and a marijuana butane honey oil lab in the residence.

Daher was then transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility

where he was booked on charges of resisting arrest, possession of a controlled substance, possession for sales of a controlled substance, manufacturing of a controlled substance and local arrest warrants for his arrest. Daher’s bail was set at \$50,000 dollars.

Man arrested after machete attack

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HOOPA – A Hoopa man was hacked with a machete Monday, July 11 during a dispute with Cody Lee Meyers, who was arrested two days later for attempted murder.

Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies were called to the Hoopa Mini Mart at 11 a.m. July 11 for what was reported as an assault with a

Meyers allegedly assaulted a 50-year-old man with a machete. Due to his injuries, the victim was immediately transported to a hospital in Eureka and was in stable condition as of Tuesday morning, July 12. During their investigation, deputies



Cody Lee Meyers

learned that the Meyers and the victim know each other and had a dispute over a personal issue.

The Sheriff’s Office issued a “be on the lookout” alert to law enforcement agencies, requesting that Meyers, who lives in the Loleta area, be arrested on suspicion of attempted murder.

On Wednesday, July 13 at 6:35 p.m., deputies and officers from the California Highway Patrol responded to an area behind the Hoopa Mini Mart where Meyers was reportedly seen hiding in the bushes.

Officers located Meyers, who took off running. After a short foot pursuit, Meyers was arrested and booked into the jail.

Witnesses help nab suspected car burglars

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EUREKA/ARCATA – In two separate incidents, two men who were observed breaking into vehicles were apprehended thanks to witnesses alerting police.

Eureka car burglary

A store manager witnessed a car burglary in progress Monday afternoon, July 11 in Eureka and helped point out the suspect to police.

At 1:15 p.m., officers with the Eureka Police Department were dispatched to Seventh and J streets, where the manager saw a thief forcing entry into a locked vehicle. A co-worker had called police, while the manager went outside to confront the suspect, identified as Shane William Casey, 36, of Eureka.

The manager followed Casey as he wandered off. The manager was able to point out Casey to a responding officer at Sixth and G streets, where the

suspect was detained. Police contacted the vehicle’s owner, who confirmed that several dollars worth of spare change had been taken. The coins were later found in Casey’s pockets.

Casey was arrested on suspicion of burglary and

for violating the terms of his probation. He was booked into the county jail.

“EPD would also like to extend our appreciation to the citizen-witness for his invaluable assistance with the identification and apprehension of the suspect,” states an EPD press release.

Arcata car burglary

On Friday, July 15 at about 8:50 a.m., officers from the Arcata Police Department responded to the 1000 block of K Street on the report of a possible

vehicle theft in progress. Upon arrival, officers were able to park within about 10

feet of the suspect and observe him taking items from the vehicle and placing them into a bag at his feet.

The suspect was immediately detained for investigation. During a search

of the vehicle for damage, it was found that the ignition wires had been pulled from the housing in an attempt to “hot wire” the vehicle. The vehicle owner was located and advised of the incident.

The suspect, Loren Alfred Waterman, 22, of Arcata, was taken into custody and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, where he was booked and lodged.

In a press release, APD thanked “the watchful citizen whose diligence in this incident allowed law enforcement to take a thief off the streets and protect the property of our neighbors.”



Mysterious appearances of a creepy cobalt Caddy & a magical miniature horse

• **Friday, June 17 1:20 a.m.** Let the fireworks complaints begin!

• **8:55 a.m.** A middle-aged woman in sensible shoes was seen stepping in and out of the street while throwing objects.

• **10:18 a.m.** A gray man on a yellow bike harassed a work crew in the Creamery District.

• **12:09 p.m.** If the white hearse parked on Ninth Street wasn’t creepy enough, the sound of a woman screaming from within was.

• **Saturday, June 18 1:39 p.m.** A magical mottled white and tan mini pony – a real one, not a Pokémon – was seen frolicking in Redwood Park.

• **8:06 a.m.** An extremely intoxicated man vented his aggression toward “Jose” by hitting vehicles at 18th and H streets.

• **Monday, June 20 10:31 a.m.** Someone paid their childcare bill with a fake \$50 bill.

• **4:09 p.m.** On Wilson Street, a man’s freshly delivered egoodies vanished off his porch before he could retrieve them.

• **8:22 p.m.** At the hospital ER, a person stealing from other patients and yelling at employees and other patients was arrested for being drunk in public.

• **8:50 p.m.** Get off my land!

• **Tuesday, June 21 2:38 a.m.** An apartment dweller left his apartment unlocked and was rudely awakened by three women and one man pouring alcohol on his face before assaulting him and tossing his place. The horde then took off in a dark blue Caddy.

• **6:10 p.m.** A woman who was being evicted from her Baldwin Street apartment requested assistance to recover her service dog, which, she said, the landlord



had removed from her apartment.

• **6:13 p.m.** On 10th Street, a man in a black puffy jacket was observed attempting to sic his puppy on passersby.

• **8:22 p.m.** The puffy jacket man, now at Ninth and G, was now reported abusing his tan and white dog and was arrested.

• **Wednesday, June 22 1:43 p.m.** A man accused his friend of stealing his Macbook Pro during a visit the previous night, though the friend denies it.

• **5:01 p.m.** A Valley West inn manager chased a naked man around the hallways.

• **5:12 p.m.** Trespassers were reported at the same inn, though their state of déshabillé is unknown.

• **9:18 p.m.** North of the hospital is where a wild horse ran free.

• **Thursday, June 23 12:12 a.m.** A green and white Kona bike was reported stolen from near the dumpster of a Uniontown grocery store.

• **4:19 a.m.** At a Valley West motel, eight rowdy guys weren’t so super.

• **10:24 a.m.** A man reported that his wallet, containing \$400 in cash, his Social Security card and bank card was picked from his pocket at a Uniontown grocery store.

• **2:33 p.m.** An overachiever carrying a bucket and several backpacks was reported picking fights at the legendary intersection of Ninth and H.

• **4:57 p.m.** A woman’s debit card was delivered to her old address where, presumably, her mail was opened and the card activated.

• **8:01 p.m.** A woman in Manila heard a loud sound and then saw a piece of wood flying toward her neighbor’s house.

• **Friday, June 24 8:10 a.m.** A couch surfer in a green hoodie

required police eviction from a Westwood Center coffee house.

• **1:56 p.m.** A man who had lost his driver’s license a year ago was surprised to discover that he had since received a number of moving violations in a Nissan 350Z not his and that said license was now suspended.

• **4:04 p.m.** A woman reported that a freelance litigation lawyer continually calls her mother’s residence, claiming that police are seeking the daughter. She would like police to reassure her mother that all is well.

• **3:36 p.m.** at Seventh and I, a man with an orange backpack attempted to sell passersby “Humboldt Republic” brand clothing. As it turns out, that clothier had recently had a number of items stolen.

• **6:29 p.m.** At Samoa and K, a blue Caddy swerved all over the road.

• **6:13 p.m.** Another fake \$50 turned up at a Uniontown supermarket.

• **7:18 p.m.** An injured bat came to rest in the middle of Coombs Drive.

• **7:19 p.m.** The magical white and tan mini horse was again sighted in the forest, this time on Trail 9.

• **10:27 p.m.** In the pink market parking lot, a man in a hardhat and overalls waved a pipe at a bearded redhead, resulting in arrest.

• **Saturday, June 25 11:59 a.m.** A man in a blue helmet with two shopping carts had to be evicted from the pink market’s parking lot, where he had been campin’ n’ panhandlin’ for three days.

• **4 p.m.** Heroic fast food employees foiled a dreadlocked man’s attempt to abscond with a secured bike.

• **11:49 p.m.** A drunken bespectacled man in black made everyone’s job easier by having a meltdown right by the police station.

• **Sunday, June 26 2:22 a.m.** Loud party on L.K. Wood warned.

• **2:53 a.m.** No, seriously, quiet down.

• **6:13 p.m.** She’s got a pretty good idea of who came into her apartment and took her purse, AKC paperwork and school papers.

• **10:06 p.m.** In the pink market’s parking lot, two pit bulls seriously injured a man. (Read the full story on page A1.)

• **Monday, June 27 9:22 a.m.** A man who had been sleeping in front of the door frightened an employee of a Northtown tattoo studio when he awoke.

• **9:33 a.m.** Someone handed their Samsung Galaxy S7 phone to “some guy in a yellow trailer” at Seventh and J for a charge up, but they claim not to know where it is now.

• **11 a.m.** Someone’s former co-worker’s ex-girlfriend – a slender, pretty blonde – has verbally and physically assaulted them, as well as twice egging their vehicle.

• **11:19 a.m.** A 15-speed green Trek 800 Sport mountain bike, along with a red helmet and chain lock, were reported stolen at a Plaza storehouse.

• **12:16 p.m.** Persons unknown broke into a West End Road gem and mineral society and made off with \$5,000 to \$10,000 in rocks.

• **2:10 p.m.** A woman who was afraid to go into her Valley East home waited in her vehicle until police evicted the man sleeping on her patio.

• **4:12 p.m.** A man seen urinating in front of the pink market required police encouragement to move along.

• **7:54 p.m.** Someone who had used a counterfeit \$100 bill to purchase sweet donut treats the day before tried it again.

• **11:41 p.m.** A pair of hirsute men refused to stop panhandling in front of the pink market.

• **Tuesday, June 28 9:10 a.m.** Someone didn’t fall for the cash-this-large-check-keep-some-and-give-me-the-rest (CTLCKSAGM-TR) scam.

• **11:23 a.m.** Someone is concerned that a tiny elderly woman is being abused by her grandson, who drops her off at a Uniontown pharmacy to beg for money.

• **11:49 a.m.** A Janes Road inn reported that a group of people with a cream-colored RV were in the process of defrauding said innkeeper in the amount of \$500.

• **12:56 p.m.** Another failed CTLCKSAGMTR.

• **7:50 p.m.** A Fifth Street church had police remove a man camping under a blanket.

• **Wednesday, June 29 7:34 p.m.** Someone spent quality time cocooned in a pink sheet in a Janes Road roundabout.

• **8:39 p.m.** A Fifth Street church again evicted a camper.

• **Thursday, June 30 9:43 a.m.** A vehicle appeared to have been driven into a ditch at the Marsh, leaving behind only skid marks and a Toyota headlight.

• **12:54 p.m.** Someone entered an unlocked Park Avenue residence and stole two safes containing critical documents.

• **1:37 p.m.** Caught on film: the platinum haired graffitiist that repeatedly tagged a Sunny Brae middle school.

• **2:10 p.m.** Herbivore, Carnivore, You May Not Sleep Within Our Store.

• **4:45 p.m.** A dozen smokers were reported blocking an H Street sidewalk, irritating not just the lungs of pedestrians.

• **6:28 p.m.** Someone reported that their firearm was stolen from the nightstand of their Valley West motel room.

OPINION

On taxes, the chief of police and America’s love of fireworks

Let them know you oppose tax

I would like to comment on certain aspects of the proposed half-cent sales tax.

The county conducted a poll to see if there would be support for another tax. The following is an estimate of the poll results. Four hundred were contacted for the poll. Seventy percent (280) people responded that they would support the tax. That calculates out to two tenths of one percent (.2 percent) of the population of Humboldt County. I have spoken to a few people who participated in the poll and they felt intimidated and coerced into a positive response. How can this be a representative result? People have stated time and time again that the main concern is the poor road conditions. Since the county has a several-million-dollar backlog for road maintenance, the tax revenue should not be spent on sidewalks, trails, connection of walking and biking trails or increased bus frequency until there are increased funds from the state or another funding source is found.

If you oppose the sales tax, let your supervisor know and, if by some miracle, the tax measure passes, let them know where it should be spent. Unless there is a guarantee that the revenue generated by the tax will be spent solely on road repair, the chance of the tax being approved is small.

Scott R. Baker
McKinleyville

What the chief left out

The opinion statement by Chief Mills (*Union*, July 13) has radically changed my opinion of him, and not for the better. He wrote a rant consisting of extremist views and opinions in the course of discussing

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people he has stamped as extremists. There are no shades of grey in his world. He called the actions of the Dallas shooter “a cowardly act of a race baiting extremist.” While I in no way condone or excuse the shooter’s actions, there are many shades of grey in the situation; it is far from the simplistic world of absolutes in which Mills lives.

Nowhere in his angry diatribe does Mills give one word to the reality that people of color experience. NO-no, it’s all only about the people in blue. That people in blue seem to be regularly killing people of color and walking away unscathed and that just might cause a tad of anger and anxiety for those targeted folks isn’t mentioned. The killer was a “race-baiting extremist” is the only explanation for his acts as though his actions took place in some strange vacuum with no history, no meaning. Now there’s the kind of balanced, reasoned thinking you want in a chief of police.

Well, Mills, I don’t want to “dehumanize” the police, just the opposite. I want them to be humanized just like the rest of us poor slobs.

If a policeperson kills an innocent person because the color of their skin makes that policeperson decide that they are lesser or a danger because their latent racism has surfaced and they will therefore shoot first and ask questions later then that policeperson is not a “public servant,” he/she is a bigoted, dangerous criminal and they must be answerable. And they have not been answerable.

Injustice unhealed makes people crazy.
Sylvia De Rooy
Eureka



News Note: The County of Humboldt settles a lawsuit with the Humboldt-Mendocino Marijuana Advocacy Project, which claimed the county’s commercial marijuana ordinance did not comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. In order to avoid costly litigation, the county agreed to pay the group’s legal fees of \$35,000. As part of the settlement, the county will re-do the ordinance under a full environmental impact report – which is something it already planned to do, even before the lawsuit.

Bam! Bang! Boom!

Once again, we wonderful humans need to make ourselves feel BIG by terrorizing hapless animals with illegal fireworks – horses don’t matter, fledgling birds don’t matter, dogs and cats don’t

matter.
Humans just love horrendously ugly, relentless hideous, noise.
You think it’s your due? Bronx cheer.
Bah humbug.

Naomi Silvertree
Arcata

Slow hiking where my infamy precedes me; history comes alive

A typical day for me involves waking up with the first light before 5 a.m., but probably not getting up until I hear other hikers talking in camp. Then, I feel like an errant slugabed and bestir myself to arise.

Someone else confirmed what I’ve experienced on the trail – I tend to sleep rather fitfully. But mornings, when I’m supposed to be moving, I get the richest sleep. I can wake up and check the time, then close my eyes and be actively dreaming within seconds.

For breakfast, I usually have granola or oatmeal with raisins and whole milk powder. Just add some filtered creek water, stir it up with your long-handled spoon and it’s yum time! Lately, I’ve been stirring in peanut butter and two Starbuck’s Via instant coffee packets. Then I gulp this hearty and stimulating admixture as I consolidate my knickknacks for stuffing into Blarverine, my pack.

One last look around camp for forgotten items and kicking dust and leaves over my traces, and me and Blarvy are on the road, er, trail.

Then it’s a day of meeting other hikers as they pass me, marveling at the stunning sights and sounds, taking pics and the occasional video, and compulsively tracking my progress using the Guthook GPS app.

Like many, I have trouble eating at high altitude and have to force myself. Especially trail mix. I really loathe that stuff at any altitude.

If I can make myself eat dinner, it will typically be reconstituted Idahoans or a Knorr rice or pasta side, tarted up with extra cheese or beans. Honestly, food isn’t a huge interest for me out there. But of course, when I get into a town, it’s back to my normal gluttony and any unattended burritos or pizza are in grave and immediate peril of disappearing down my gullet.

I’ve met so many people on the trail, and so many different types of folks. Young, retired, several Germans, many young couples, three different people from Kalamazoo, several aerospace engineers, women’s groups, youth groups, photographers, hippies, a few hyper-achieving outdoorsy braggarts and many others. Mostly just friendly folks.

Almost everyone is very open and eager to talk, even about personal matters. You might meet someone going in the opposite direction, exchange names and hometowns, and find yourself relating info you’d never tell a stranger in the real world. Sometimes

you get into a really good convo, but both of you are being drawn away in opposite directions, so it must end.

That’s why I, personally, love sharing a campsite with other hikers. I’ve sat out with new friends as the surroundings go from daylight to vespertine darkness, chatting away until it was time to slumber.

That’s why I hate it when there’s no one else in camp. It always seems like a missed opportunity. A few times I’ve had impromptu conversations flare with some real cool stranger during the day, with them headed to the campsite I’d occupied alone the previous night. Other times I’ve camped all alone at a great location with a bear box, stream and sweet, level tent sites. Then when I got up and started booking down the path, I’d find a cluster of eight to 10 tents less than a mile away in some other trailside location, and feel like I missed out on some fun conversations and trail lore.

So while the Sierra segment of the trail is a daily roller coaster of elevation gain and loss, the ups and downs aren’t all physical. I’ve been both exhilarated and depressed on the trail, sometimes going from one mood to the other within minutes.

I was really bummed and lonely on Father’s Day. I sat surrounded by supernaturally beautiful Dutch Meadow, but was out of cell range and couldn’t communicate with my family. It’s times like that that I know what a modern, fancy-boy/prettend-outdoorsman I really am.

One day was especially tough, with a couple of sets of low-to-high experiences. First, I got myself stranded along a high switchback on New Army Pass. With the extremely timely help of a passing Alaskan park ranger, got out of that situation (to be detailed in another column), causing vast relief and a vow never to scale granite cliffs again.

A few hours later, I carelessly lost the trail at a creek crossing and blundered about in streamside bogs and rough wilderness for a while. It was late and getting dark, and as I was crashing through deep forest and literal clouds of mosquitos, I was quite mindful of how mountain lions like to hunt at dawn and dusk. I was only hoping that they didn’t have a taste for grumpy old men. Truly, we’re full of bile and always leave a bitter aftertaste.

Apparently they don’t, because I survived long enough to get to a clearing where I saw three women seated on a log, sorting out their food items.

“Fellow humans!” I bellowed appreci-



A SLICE OF HISTORY Of the many memorable sights on the trail, seeing cowboys in action was a highlight.
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ately. On beholding me, they got an understandable “what the hell is this?” look about them.

One of the women was from Mendocino, and when I told her I was Kevin from Humboldt, she said, “Kevin Hoover?”

She said her Arcata dentist, Dr. Mellon, had told her that the editor of the *Arcata Eye* was hiking the PCT. I told her that the *Eye* was no more, and she made a point of saying that “I wouldn’t have known that if he hadn’t told me.” I guess she wanted me to know she didn’t read the *Eye*. I had the impression it was more sour aftermath from the Kevin-the-anti-grow-house-crusader era as crops up (pun!) from time to time, but maybe I’m projecting. But still, wow, recognized on the trail.

If that seemed strange, the next day’s time travel foray was even more unexpected.

Old West history comes alive

After that particularly grueling day, I decided to take a “zero” (a non-hiking day) at beautiful Rock Creek, because why not? The first night, I was there alone, dang. I fell asleep reading the Louis L’Amour Old West book I found in a hiker box at Kennedy Meadows – *Catlow*.

(Funnily enough, its story of an indomitable cowboy who attempts something that challenges even his legendary prowess is not far removed from one of the songs I listened to on the trail that helped get my feet moving, Genesis’ “Ballad of Big.”)

At one point in the night, I awoke with a start to hear some kind of animal sniffing around my tent. I sat up and saw the moving shadow of something on the wall of my tent. Deer, bear, cougar – who knows?

My reaction was comically ludicrous. I remember swatting at the shadow like Little Lord Fauntleroy throwing his porridge in a tantrum, and shouting, “Hey!”

Yeah, that’ll work. But oddly, I wasn’t very frightened and went back to sleep within a few minutes.

The next day was relaxing. All day, as I washed my clothes in the creek and fussed with my gear, PCT hikers crossed the bubbling waterway, headed for Crabtree Mead-

ow and Mt. Whitney. Later, a guy from Albuquerque named Harry showed up and pitched his tent, and he was pretty good camp company.

Then something wonderful happened that was almost miraculously consistent with the background cowboy vibe I was working at the time.

Out of nowhere a glorious, eight-animal, four-cowperson pack train appeared and crossed the creek southbound.

It turned out to be Cam Shriver and his team from Thacher School in Ojai. They were resupplying a MuirWise youth group hiking the PCT and John Muir Trail.

Their arrival was nothing short of a historical pageant, with the beautiful animals and people parading over the creek and up the bank into our camp.

Cam, a true gentleman cowboy, kindly asked if it would be OK if his team camped at the end of the clearing, would it bother us?

Hell no! This historical pageant was a total blessing. I got to see how they set up a slack line for the horses and mules, who literally knew the ropes like true professionals.

First, the animals had a big dinner in the adjacent meadow, then they were secured and Cam and co. cooked dinner over a campfire.

His hand, Katie, managed the animals with help from wife Laurie and daughter Cora. They then “cowboy camped” on a tarp in the open, because they are, for want of a better term, cowboys.

They even had all that old school canvas gear, plus rope, saddles – the complete panoply of cowboy accessories. I took a lot of photos of their camp, which might have been something out of the 1850s. It would be easy to run those pics through a Photo-shop filter and make some genuine-looking Old West paintings.

I got to hear the horses whinney and snort all through the night. It was an awesome historical throwback, as this sort of thing has been going on out on those trails for hundreds of years.

Power plan aims to save millions

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – An inter-agency plan is in the offing that would give Humboldt electricity customers the opportunity to prune their monthly bills.

Collective savings to county ratepayers could reach as high as \$15 million, preliminary estimates show. Advocates say greenhouse gas emissions would drop five percent.

Tagged the Redwood Community Energy Program, the initiative provides for local control of rate-setting.

Slated for launch in May 2017, the plan is being drawn up by the Eureka-based Redwood Coast Energy Authority. It develops energy alternatives on behalf of the county and its municipal governments.

Once the program is certified to operate as a legal Community Choice Aggregation program, the authority will purchase electricity on a collective basis for a monthly rate reduction to the individual customer estimated at two percent by Executive Director Matthew Marshall. Customers who join the program would receive their first bill in June 2017.

Over a period of five years, the collective rate savings to county customers might reach \$10-15 million, Marshall said in an interview. Local expenditures spent on energy supply, customer programs, and reserves over a period of five years might reach \$90 million to \$170 million.

The money could be invested in solar or other forms of more efficient and sustainable energy, which is the Redwood Coast Energy Authority’s principal mandate.

Customers would have the final say in whether to opt into Community Energy, Marshall said, allowing them to purchase their own electricity generation service.

In addition to rate savings, the program would offer participants two other advantages: stronger local control and an alternative power source selected on both an individual and collective basis.

Community Choice Energy programs, also known as Community Choice Aggregation, are codified in state law. They are already in operation in Marin and Sonoma counties.

The statute allows local governments to purchase electricity and other necessary electrical services on behalf of the customers in their jurisdictions.

Unlike municipal utility districts, Community Choice applies only to the generation of electricity. That accounts for about half of a customer’s bill.

Under the Humboldt plan, PG&E would continue to own the electricity distribution

infrastructure and provide transmission, distribution, billing and customer services.

Marshall explained that the local choice program would enable Humboldt to determine its own energy supply mixes and rate structures – in other words, allow a considerable degree of freedom and autonomy in such areas as energy consumption and economic development.

He said the purchase of electricity would be more open and accessible to the public and would better reflect Humboldt’s interests and preferences in sustainable energy supply.

The Redwood Coast Energy Authority is known as a “Joint Powers Agency.” Beside the county, its members include Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Ferndale, Fortuna, Rio Dell and Trinidad, plus the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District.

The authority is led by a board of directors whose members are appointed by the member governments.

Communities that have signed up for the Community Energy Program to date are Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna and Trinidad, plus the county and its unincorporated areas.

All participating customers will receive multiple notices and rate comparisons prior to and during the start of service next year.

Customers who prefer to continue receiving generation services from PG&E will be free to do so. They will be able to opt out either at the program’s launch in mid-2017 or at any time thereafter, Marshall emphasized. He and his colleagues have drawn up three different approaches for starting the initiative. Each would offer varying benefits on a rank-ordered basis.

But Marshall said all three are designed to provide “five percent lower greenhouse gas emissions than our current energy sources.”

The authority is putting the finishing touches to a technical study in support of the Community Energy Program. That analysis will be part of a presentation to be delivered on Thursday, July 28 at the Eureka Woman’s Club at 1531 J St. A light dinner will be served at 5 p.m., followed by a combined meeting and workshop at 5:30 p.m.

Marshall and his colleagues will provide details of how the inter-agency initiative can provide savings and redirect ratepayer spending locally. They will also outline such features as contracts with biomass generators and the development of reserves for the program’s long-term viability. Details are posted at redwood-energy.org.

The state of McKinleyville

Jessie Faulkner
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE - The first State of McKinleyville breakfast last week provided a mixed-bag glimpse into the current status of Humboldt County’s largest unincorporated community.

The McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce organized the meeting at the Holiday Inn Express featuring short presentations from Arcata Fire District Chief Justin McDonald, Humboldt County Public Works Director Tom Mattson, Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office Lt. Kevin Miller and McKinleyville Resource Center Chief Operations Officer Robin Baker.

On the plus side, several safety improvements to Central Avenue are expected to be complete in September; the new fire station should be complete by November, and plans are progressing well for opening a multi-agency service center by December 2017. Conversely, the Sheriff’s Office is responding to more and more criminal activity.

Newly-appointed Arcata Fire Chief McDonald said that the new fire station—in addition to having space to pull the department’s fire engines through the station versus backing out onto Central Avenue – will provide a home for the district’s administrative offices.

McDonald recounted late developer Ernie Pierson’s desire to build a shopping center in McKinleyville in the early 1960s and his initial inability to do so because insurance agencies would not take on the liability in a community with no fire service. Pierson then built the fire station across from the McKinleyville Shopping Center.

Some 56 years later, Pierson’s grandson is

building the new fire station, McDonald said.

In 2015, McDonald said, the department responded to 2,800 calls for service. Of those, five to eight percent were structure fires, 50 percent were medical aids and rescues and the balance was everything else – essentially miscellaneous calls for help from a horse stuck in Strawberry Creek to assistance with a flooded house that turned into a medical aid call.

At present, and nearly always, the district is seeking volunteers.

“We are actively and always recruiting volunteers,” McDonald said.

The new fire chief underlined his aspirations to engage with the community.

“We need to show a value to you folks who live in our community,” he said. “As the new chief, I welcome any question ... please don’t hesitate to contact me.”

The McKinleyville Family Resource Center fights “heat” of a different sort, according to the center’s chief operations officer.

That can range from ensuring that families have enough to eat, to encouraging healthy lifestyles to parenting support to providing a means for clients to heighten their social connections in the community.

“(We) uncover those needs and meet them,” Baker said.

The McKinleyville Family Resource Center, Open Door Community Health Centers and several county agencies have been working together to decentralize the delivery of services provided by the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services. The department includes the public health branch, the mental health branch, the social services branch and the environmental health division.

The goal to open a McKinleyville-based service hub, Baker said, which has been in the planning stages for two years and is expected to be open by December 2017, although a location has not yet been finalized.

“It will also be a place where the community can

come together,” she said.

Much of Humboldt County Public Works Director Mattson’s presentation focused on safety improvements to Central Avenue, including three mid-road crossings, bike lanes and a southbound right-turn-only lane at School Road.

Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office Lt. Kevin Miller, who oversees the McKinleyville Sheriff’s substation, provided a mixed-pot summary on McKinleyville-based crime.

“Essentially,” he said, “I’m your police chief for McKinleyville.”

Miller, the area commander for the past 18 months, oversees 11 deputies working out of the substation.

It’s not a particularly easy beat.

“We’re very busy up here,” Miller said. The McKinleyville substation crew includes the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office’s only narcotics-detection-trained canine officer and includes bicycle patrols, something the lieutenant instituted for the area’s trails and along Central Avenue.

But, Miller noted, an upswing in criminal activity has made adequate policing difficult.

“It’s too big of a community, and there’s not enough of us,” he said. “One of the biggest issues is the transient camps.”

Efforts have been made to move the illegal campers along. At the same time, the Sheriff’s Office has implemented an online reporting program that, essentially, gives deputies more time to patrol as it lessens the time required for completing reports. Those reports, he said, are appropriate when there are no suspects nor leads and are reviewed by a supervisor.

“We really are trying to push for more community-oriented policing,” he said.

One of the steps in that direction is regular meetings with the administrators of McKinleyville Community Watch, a members-only Facebook page featuring the observation of primarily crime-related problems in the community.

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WHICH PLAY ARE WE IN? Amanda Slinkard and David Hamilton star in *Moon Over Buffalo*, which opens this Thursday at the North Coast Repertory Theatre. SUBMITTED PHOTO

‘Moon Over Buffalo’ rises at NCRT

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE
EUREKA – The North Coast Repertory Theatre (NCRT) concludes its 32nd season with *Moon Over Buffalo* by Ken Ludwig, which opens this Thursday.

In the madcap comedy tradition of *Lend me a Tenor*, the hilarious *Moon Over Buffalo* centers on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s. On the brink of a disastrous split-up caused by George’s dalliance with a young ingénue, they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his movie remake of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*.

Unfortunately for George and Charlotte, everything that could go wrong does go wrong, abetted by a visit from their daughter’s clueless fiancé and hilarious uncertainty about which play they’re actually performing, caused by Charlotte’s deaf old stage-manager mother who hates every bone in George’s body.

The production is directed by Scott Malcolm, who has been an actor/entertainer for 63 years and a director/coach for about 30 years. Malcolm has acted in venues all over the nation and internationally. His last directorial outing was *Death By Design* in NCRT last season.

“It’s a well written, funny script, performed by an enthusiastic, talented, harmonious cast,” said Malcolm. “The hidden beauty of this play is that audience members will be able to identify with charac-

ters, and recognize friends and relatives in other characters. It is a show that will leave people laughing, and will stay with them long after the curtain comes down.”

The cast features David Hamilton, Jacqui Cain, Evan Needham, Anders Carlson, Amanda Slinkard, Sara Krause, David Simms and Toodie Boll.

Scenic and lighting designs are by Liz Uhazy. Costume design is by Laura Rhinehart. The production will be stage managed by Kira Gallaway.

The production opens on Thursday, July 21 at 8 p.m. with an opening night gala that includes a champagne reception after the show. This performance also serves as a benefit for the cast and crew. All seats for opening night are \$16.

The Friday, July 22 performance benefits the United Congregational Christian Church; and the Saturday, July 23 performance benefits the Humboldt Literacy Project. Tickets for these benefit performances are \$20.

Regular ticket prices of \$16/\$13 for students and seniors begin on Friday, July 29. The play runs Fridays and Saturdays through Aug. 13. There will be one additional regular Thursday performance on Aug. 11. All evening performances begin at 8 p.m. There will be 2 p.m. matinee performances on Sundays July 31 and Aug. 7 and 13.

NCRT is located at 300 Fifth St., Eureka. For reservations, group rates or more information, call (707) 442-NCRT (6278). ncrt.net

Swanner’s songs

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Ian (pronounced *eye-yan*) Swanner writes music inspired by this place that we love. His songs are immediate reactions to the beauty of trees, mushrooms, flowers, whatever he’s seen in his walks or his early morning communion with the world we call Humboldt County.

Faces in the Trees is his ninth solo CD, just relased and available from Swanner at The Hospice Shop in Arcata.

It’s also dedicated to the staff and volunteers there.

Swanner has been the furniture coordinator for the nonprofit for 10 years.

Even though he drives the big truck and moves heavy furniture, he has never hurt his back.

“And I want to keep it that way,” he said in his characteristic deep voice.

Maybe it’s because he moves to his own music, never hurrying or putting his body in danger.

Swanner worked in the window covering business in Los Angeles for 22 years before moving to Humboldt.

“I had friends who had moved up here and I visited them a few times. I finally got fed up with L.A.,” he said.

Swanner is one of those transplants who has embraced Place with a capital P. His songs have titles such as “Alder & Wiser” and “Mighty Fine Pine” as well as the title cut of “Faces in the Trees.” They are clearly inspired by his love of Place.

“This place has inspired me tremendously with the music,” he said. “I wrote ‘Broken Mushrooms’ after a walk around the Arcata Marsh. I came home and wrote it right away.”

This is Swanner’s ninth album in 12 years. He started playing music at 13 but

didn’t start writing until he was nearly 20. He’s totally self taught.

He plays guitar in seven different tunings as well as keyboards and percussion. *Faces in the Trees* sounds as if an entire forest of musicians are guesting on it but it’s all Swanner.

Several songs on the CD are inspired by his love for his longtime girlfriend, Patty. “A Real Good Love” and “The Little Girl in You” are both sweet songs but far from cloying. The unusual arrangements and Swanner’s effective use of his voice as instrument make them interesting as music as well as inspiring kind thoughts.

Even though it doesn’t sound like it, he said this CD was a difficult one for him.

“My recording unit fought me all the way, and when I went into the studio, the studio staff fought me the whole way,” he said.

Swanner records at home and takes it to the studio to put it on a disc.

Will he record another CD soon?

“I have so much material I actually had to stop myself,” he said with a wry grin. “I have to stop and play this stuff.”

What about performing?

Swanner doesn’t have anything planned right away. “I’m on my feet 12 hours a day and it’s really hard at the end of the day,” he explained. When he does perform, it’s usually as a solo act.

His face lit up. “I might like to be in a band,” he said.

Stop by The Hospice Shop, two blocks below the Plaza on H Street. Say hi to Swanner and buy a CD. If you want a preview, just ask the staff put it on their player for your shopping pleasure.

IAN For your shopping pleasure. JANINE VOLKMAR



Why the hell not?

I was sitting at my computer, working on this column, when a chime told me someone wanted to chat on Facebook. **Matt Moss** was on the line (or whatever you call that), informing me that his band, **Steel Toed Slippers**, was “back in Humboldt.”

Matt and his musical partner **Will Nicoll** started playing music together while attending McKinleyville High School 10 years ago. Matt’s father, Dave, aka Mossman, was a friend of mine, and always kept me abreast of what was going on with the band, (as dads do) so I knew about their first tour, which ended at the fabled Whiskey A Go Go.

They soon left the comfort of their cozy Humboldt homes for the bright lights of L.A. They were going to make it in the music world. When time came to record an EP, Stephen Perkins, drummer for



Jane’s Addiction, manned the controls. When they started touring, they landed opening slots for Little Feat, Fishbone and Ozomatli, among others.

What kind of music do they play? Asked about “genre” on Facebook, they say “rock and roll,” which they find limiting.

“Simply put, it’s rock ‘n’ roll,” said Matt, adding, “but what really is rock ‘n’ roll? Is it a genre, or is it that certain kind of indescribable raw energy that you can feel when a band puts it all out there on the line? If I had to pick a genre, I’d just say it’s a combination of all the stuff we are influenced by, which ranges from The Shins to Led Zeppelin, Beethoven to Blind Willy Johnson, Little Feat to Miles Davis, Red Hot Chili Peppers to Radiohead. It’s not jazz, it’s not funk, it’s not blues, it’s not even rock, but it is all of them at once. We don’t try to play any

THE HUM ♦ B2



THE LADIES OF LAUGHTER From left, Elisabeth Harrington and Jessie Rawson star in *Dr. Miracle*; Catherine Rippetoe and Nanette Voss-Herlihy star in *Angry Birdsong*. PHOTO COURTESY PLAYS IN THE PARK

Lauraine Leblanc
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Someone’s raising a ruckus on the town square and the mayor is going to do something about it. This little slice of life is the opening of *Dr. Miracle*, one of two comic operas currently playing on the outdoor

stage at Arcata’s Redwood Park as part of Plays in the Park.

The evening starts with *Angry Birdsong*, a short (16 minutes or so) one-act contemporary opera composed by Milton Granger. The comedy sees shy pink-haired soybean scientist Dulcine (Catherine Rippetoe)

turning to domineering life coach Mrs. Hufstедler (Nanette Voss-Herlihy) to help her prepare for a presentation.

What follows builds in absurdity, with Dulcine ultimately finding her voice. In the role of Mrs. Hufstедler, Voss-Herlihy

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specific genre, but I think somehow, all the stuff we love to listen to finds a way to seep out into our sound.”

It's not always easy making it as a 21st century rock band, a “slow grind,” as Matt put it. That means “playing shows that are worth our time in more ways than one — financially, emotionally, shows with an audience that will like us, and geographically close enough to the next gig.”

Lately, they've forsaken L.A. for Kentucky, which allows them to play in a lot more states, sell some merch to new fans and spread the word about STS. “The most important way to feel like you are 'making it' is to live happily and always remember why we are even doing it in the first place.”

Why did they start doing this in the first place? And why have they kept at it?

“Well the reason we started doing this is simple, we just couldn't help it. It's the same reason night turns to day. It's the thing that's natural to us. The reason we keep doing it is not quite as simple. We love the journey. We are equally as thankful for the dark times as we are the good times because that's what life is about. Touring really teaches you to truly live in the moment, because when you're on the road, that's all you really have ... Everywhere we go, there's somebody that tells us they wish they could do what we are doing, so when we hear that, it always helps put things into perspective, and it helps us answer that same question, 'why do you keep at it?' To simplify things, because why the hell not?”

Steel Toed Slippers plays at Fieldbrook Market Friday night, not far from where Matt grew up. Thursday evening, they play at

Cecil's in Garberville. Next stop: the Northwest. They'll need gas money, so don't forget to pick up some merch.

Elsewhere Friday, at The Sanctuary, another former local returns. **Hazel Rickard** grew up in Arcata and currently calls St. Louis home (at least when she's not on the road). Her band, **Hazel Ra**, plays “dream-folk” with sweet harmonies, a cello, guitars and occasionally ukulele giving that dreamy feel. Ferndale songwriter **Johnny Houx** opens the show. Coincidentally, perhaps, Hazel and Johnny have a show Thursday night at Mind's Eye Coffee Lounge in Ferndale.

Friday at the Jam, it's another **Club Triangle**, this time with a Country Western theme for “Rhine-stone Cowboiz and Humboldt Huntys.” You're invited to “dust off your boots, grab that cowboy hat, paint on those jeans or bust out the Daisy Dukes.” A drag show has the “Club Triangle Drag Sensations” including **Jess Dayton-Around**, **Nova 6**, **Anita Lemonparty**, **Fuscia Rae**, **Grrrlz 2 Men**, and many more. At some point, none other than **Lyndsey Battle** will telling the dancers when to swing their pardners and do-se-do as they attempt not-too-square dancing. **Gabe Pressure** and **DJ Joe-E** provide the beats; visuals by **Marmalade Sky** (and tangerine trees).

Have you noticed that a lot of bands from Portland play here? Or that a lot of musicians from here now live in PDX? Both of those things are in effect Saturday night when **Ezza Rose** plays at The Miniplex (in the Goat). Ezza Rose is the leader of a self-described “dreamy, bluesy, soul-rock band” from Portland with Ms. Rose on guitar/vox and a former local on drums — **Ray Johnson**, who once

drummed for The Cutters (and many other Humboldt bands). Ray is also a skilled flyer artiste, who made many bands look good with his work. I imagine he does the same thing up north. I was invited to this show by **Violet Crabtree** (BTW, I like being invited to shows - it makes my job easier). Violet is a multi-talented multi-media artist who promises, “the premiere performance of a new incarnation of the ever evolving multi-media juggernaut that is **Comix Trip!**” Art, music and fun are involved.

Jenni & David and the Sweet Soul Band play sweet soul Saturday at Redwood Curtain Brewing Company. Jenni also sings sweetly and David plays soulful guitar in the AIGC. (Do I have to spell in out?) This gig comes with three magic words: Free. All ages. (There's a tip jar.)

When I was a boy, I played a baritone horn in the school band. It was a heavy thing, not in the cool sense, more like blisters when you carried it home to practice. If I'd kept up with it, I might be playing in some group like **The North Coast Brass Ensemble** today. I'd know who Gabrieli, Arutiunian, Tsvetkov are. (I don't.) Saturday evening (7 to 10 p.m.) TNCBE joins forces with their friends from the Bay Area, **Amici Brass Quintet**, to play classics “for brass quintet and large brass ensemble” at Christ Episcopal Church in Eureka. Their list of composers includes one I know: Ellington, as in the Duke.

Saturday night at Humboldt Brews, you can hear some Hawaiian-style reggae folk rock by a band called **Kanekoa**, fronted by **Kaulana Kanekoa**. Dead drummer Bill Kreutzmann had them play at his wedding and refers to them as “The Hawaiian Grateful Dead” if you're looking for an endorsement. Yes, there are ukuleles involved.

July 23 is the fourth Saturday in the month, time for another “Constellation” with “experimental” music at the Graves. On page B3, you can read the press release the museum sent out, focused on the out of town bands, **Hair and Space Museum** (Seattle) and **Contact Cult** (of Swahili). **Piles** (Arcata) gets short shrift. To remedy that, I “friended” Sev Leven, aka **Luke Molloy**, aka Piles and also **Tabloid** (another *nom de band*). He explained (quoting from something he prepared for the PR blast that for some reason was not used), “Piles focuses on sustained tones and repetition by means of processed tape and crude electronics. The goal is to create, capture and release tension that is both engaging and removed. Started in 2007 in NJ, [Piles] is now based in California.”

Our instant chat interview began with his tools of the trade. “Tape manipulation, field recordings, and tone generators.” Analog? “Yes.” Do you use a laptop when you play? “No.” What inspires you? “I don't really know how to answer that, and honestly, I don't want to make this about me, but more about the sound and process. Do you have enough info?” I pushed on, admitting as they say, writing about music is hard — “like dancing about architecture.” Lev expanded, “The goal has always been the same for me, when it comes to live performances I want to control the room. I want the audience to share the same feeling collectively, whether that's calm, anxious, aware, etc. The tools and means of obtaining that goal have changed over time.” It might not be your cup of tea, but I think I will give his music a listen.

On a side note, the Graves has an installation called “**Humboldt Collects!**” currently in the Anderson Gallery. Along with collections of glass insulators, advertng

signs, cribbage boards (really), Swatch watches, and other stuff, you'll find part of my collection of “figurines.” It might give you some insight on my take on culture with a slew of robots, Star Wars toys, cartoon characters, frogs, Buddhas and Jesuses. (Can you make that word plural?) I brought in a pile of toys and Phil the curator, formerly of Hunter Plaid, turned them into a statement. (Thanks, Phil.)

I'm partial to experiments, musical and otherwise, so I'm going to try to make it to the Sunday (July 24) show at The Miniplex (at the Goat). The lineup: **Alien Ultra**, an “Arcata DJ/MC via Montreal but from space,” **Comfort Creature**, a new band from **Devon** and **Phil** of thelittletillnotbigenough offering “semi-local loop tunes, post-song raps and music,” and the headliner, **Go Dark**, the “latest creative project from Anticon founding producer/vocalist **Dose-one** with uncompromising hip hop, eight-bit synth pop anthems.”

I met Oakland's **Adam "Dose" Drucker** years ago when Thanksgiving Brown brought him to the Placebo in Manila (those were the days) and later to the Hunter Plaid Gallery, when he was touring with Themselves. His take on “hip hop” is more of an attitude thing than a sonic feel. I dig it. Back then, he was an angry young man railing against file-sharing rip-offs that made it hard to make a living as a musician. Those were the days, my friend. Kids don't download today. Try squeezing a nickel out of YouTube, Spotify or Pandora. It will be interesting to see what he's talking about now. I promise to listen.

As I was finishing this up, my iPhone chimed. A mysterious group message from Ishan: “**rx baul** plays 24 Julio at the farm house arcata. are you?” I wish. I must work on omnipresence.

PINTS FOR NONPROFITS Drink up at Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, **today, July 20**, when \$1 from every beer sold all day benefits Blue Lake's Park and Recreation Department.

SCI FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT See *Weird Science* (1985) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, May 25** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. Teen misfits Gary (Anthony Michael Hall) and Wyatt (Ilan Mitchell-Smith) design their ideal woman on a computer, and a freak electrical accident brings her to life in the form of the lovely, superhuman Lisa (Kelly LeBrock). Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

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CRESTED HENS Those who love Celtic music are warmly invited to experience Crested Hens: Seabury Gould on guitar, flute & vocals with Liz Thompson on cello on **Saturday, July 23** at 7.30 p.m. at Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 South Westhaven Dr. The duo performs Celtic tunes and visionary songs, including original music. Admission is a sliding scale of \$5 to \$15 and refreshments will be available. seaburygould.com, 707-845-8167

TRINIDAD ARTISANS MARKET Enjoy live music by Rick Park, arts, crafts and barbecue at the Trinidad Artisans Market at Main Street and View Ave. in downtown Trinidad **Sunday, July 24** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ORGAN CONCERT The Christ Church summer concert series "Sundays at 4" presents organist Doug Moorehead, with Nancy Streufert (flute) and Helen Winfrey (clarinet) on **Sunday, July 24** at 4 p.m. The program will feature the pipe organ as a solo instrument with music by J.S. Bach, Marcel Dupre, and Richard Purvis, as well

as compositions for organ and clarinet (Mozart's *Quintet in A for Clarinet and Strings*) and a piece for piano and flute by Francis Poulenc. The concert is free. The church is located on the corner of 15th and H streets in Eureka, with a handicapped accessible entrance on 15th Street between G and H. christchurcheureka.org/concerts

AT THE LIGHTHOUSE GRILL JD Jeffries and Devin Paine perform at the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad, **Sunday, July 24** at 5 p.m.

TRUE BEAUTY People's perceptions of beauty will be considered at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, July 24** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “True Beauty: Is it Really Only Skin Deep?” features a filmed interview with MeLisa Mounsey, a woman who survived an incident that burned over 95 percent of her body. Lifetree Café is a free conversation café with coffee and snacks, located at Campbell Creek Connexion, at the corner of 13th and Union streets in Arcata. (707) 672-2919

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is perfect, deploying the full power of her vibrato, aptly overwhelming Rippetoe’s delicate soprano. As the “persuasion coaching” session progresses and Dulcine grows more frustrated, Rippetoe’s facial expressions and sarcastic asides (“Yes, Mrs. Hufstedler, sir!”) are spot-on.

The short *Angry Birds*ong, like the Looney Tunes that used to precede movie screenings, warmed up the audience, priming them for the longer *Dr. Miracle*, which is still short, for an opera, at under an hour. Composed by George Bizet in 1856 and presented here in the English translation, *Dr. Miracle* has everything you’d want in comedy: star-crossed lovers, a domineering father, an ingénue of a daughter, a drama queen of a stepmother, a silly servant and an omelette.

Humboldt State student Jessie Rawson plays young love-lorn Lauretta, who longs for her soldier lover; Rawson endearingly plays her as shrewd without being scheming, frustrated without being bratty.

Lauretta’s romantic pursuit is stymied by her suspicious father, Podestat the Mayor of Padua, played by James Wright, returning to Plays in the Park. Wright, with his imposing physique and deep bass-baritone voice, is clearly not afraid to be ridiculous. Prior to the start of the opera, he was overheard wondering whether, after so much rehearsal, the jokes were in fact funny; he can rest assured that they were hilarious, and masterfully delivered.

Elisabeth Harrington, another carry-over from last summer’s opera, is terrific in the role of the vain, much-married stepmother, Véronique (as well as her cameo as Miss Toro in *Angry Birds*ong).

David Powell, the ubiquitous tenor we can’t get enough of, fully deploys both his fantastic voice and his commedia Dell’Arte training as the ridiculous servant, Pasquin. Without giving too much away, this is a role that demands both comedy and lyricism, and Powell delivers. Capering in blue tights, eyepatch and ridiculous wig, Powell was as funny as he was ugly.

And then, there was a five-minute aria about an omelette. Yes, “Voici l’omelette”! And we bust a gut laughing.

Plays in the Park’s outdoor operas aren’t some highbrow concert-hall experience; part vaudeville, part Fringe Festival, part renaissance faire, they’re opera for the people. Both comic operas are perfectly suitable for children and families, with enough eye-rolling and pratfalls for kids, and lots of vocal gymnastics for everyone to marvel at.

The outdoor stage is very simple, the lighting mostly natural and subtly augmented as twilight fell. Bleacher seating is rudimentary; bring a chair and/or a pillow. It gets chilly, but if you didn’t bring a blanket, you can buy one there. Free hot beverages are thoughtfully provided.

The comic operas continue Fridays and Saturdays, July 22, 23, 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. at Redwood Park. Tickets are \$12/\$10 for students and seniors and are available through the Arcata Recreation Division or at the performance. [cityofarcata.rec](#)



Pokéstop on the Plaza

Lauraine Leblanc
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Have you ever suspected that we live in a world populated by invisible, magical creatures? It turns out that your suspicions were correct, at least since early July, when the launch of *Pokémon Go* suddenly revealed that we are all surrounded by “pocket monsters” ready to play.

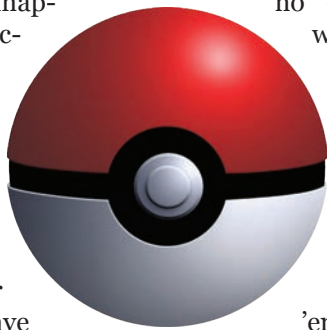
For the uninitiated, *Pokémon Go* is an interactive augmented reality game. Using the GPS and videocameras on their smart phones or other devices, individual players (aka “trainers”) find and “capture” Pokémon in actual physical locations; the app overlays the Pokémon onto the image captured by the camera. Players can then use their captured Pokémon to play with other players’ Pokémon.

Since the game launched earlier this month, numerous media reports have focused on the rather inappropriate places – from busy city streets to Holocaust memorials – where Pokémon and their trainers have turned up.

The game has also been credited, however, with getting kids and adults outside to play. As in other places in the world, gamers have been spotted all over Arcata – in the community forest, in the marsh and on the Plaza. A group of people gathered around a picnic table by Klopp Lake last Friday afternoon confirmed that it is the site of a gym, a place where trainers can bring their captive Pokémon to play and compete.

For some years now, groups like Community PRIDE and Arcata Main Street have attempted to lure people to the Arcata Plaza for play. State Farm agent Luke Visger is trying a new tack, hosting a Pokéstop Day today, July 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Arcata Plaza.

The poster reads: “We will be keeping lures on the Pokéstops on the Plaza for three hours of catching goodness. There is no catch (except what you can get in your Pokéball). We just want everyone to have a good time.” Gotta catch ‘em all!



There’s something funny going on in Ferndale

FERNDALE REPERTORY THEATRE

FERNDALE – Ferndale Repertory Theatre has assembled the cream of Humboldt’s comedy crop for a bumper night of fun this Saturday, July 23 starting at 8 p.m.

Parental discretion is advised – so find a sitter and plan an adult date night in the Victorian Village – you know you need one!

Hosted by James Stephen, the evening features Nando Molino, Josh Barnes, Matt Redbeard, Kim Hodges, and Jessica Grant. Here’s your lineup for the night:

James Stephen, your MC for the evening, is a contributor to *Savage Henry Independent Times Magazine* and co-host of the “Sunday Service Comedy Show” at Northtown Coffee in Arcata. A transplant from Michigan, Stephen is an inveterate storyteller and rising star in the Humboldt comedy scene.

Nando Molina combines a sharp wit with a devil’s grin – always a (not so) good combination! He has opened for Tom Rhodes, Ngaio Bealum and Billy Wayne Davis, and is a frequent per-

former at the annual *Savage Henry Independent Times* Comedy Festival.

Josh Barnes matches anecdotal wisdom and woes with “everybody’s favorite dad” charm. An Air Force veteran, Barnes will draw you into his all-too-familiar world with tales of parental shaming mixed with a healthy dose of life lessons.

Matt Redbeard is a champion of absurdity and a fan-favorite in *Savage Henry* circles. He regularly

hosts “Spliffrax,” the live roasting of films we love to hate at Arcata’s Richards’ Goat Tavern & Tea Room.

KSLG DJ Kim Hodges performs with the Random Acts of Comedy Improv Troupe and has opened for such comedic heavies as Doug Stanhope, Tom Rhodes and Brooks Wheelan. Watch out – her snarky shrug and menacing smirk will have you on the edge of your seat, wondering what’s coming next.

Jessica Grant has graced the *Savage Henry* stage as both comic and host, tempering her friendly demeanour with a hard cross. Jessica has opened for popular acts like Carlos Rodriguez and Clare O’Kane.

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FLOORCORE Hair and Space Museum perform at the Morris Graves this Saturday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Muse on a museum within a museum

HUMBOLDT ARTS COUNCIL

EUREKA – Three new groups perform at the sixth session of the experimental and avant-garde Constellation Music Series at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, on Saturday, July 23 from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Headlining this performance is Hair and Space Museum, a Seattle-based duo made up of Emily Pothast and David Golightly. Pothast and Golightly, who are also founders of Seattle record and cassette label Translinguistic Other, describe their music this way: “We call what we do in our performances ‘floorcore.’ This is patient music for quiet, audiovisual contemplation, unfolding gradually over time and transporting the listener to meditative worlds.”

Also performing is Contact Cult. Troy Micheau, who performs as Contact Cult, offers a solo performance with synthesizers and samplers producing trance-inducing dub rhythms and sci-fi textures. Micheau – who lives in Portland – says of performing in Humboldt County, “I love the area and have always found its beauty to be inspirational whenever I’ve passed through it, so I’m excited to finally make some sounds in it.”

Arcata-based group Piles rounds out the lineup as the opening act.

The Constellation Music series is a monthly program that encourages and supports innovative ideas and experiments in sound. The performances take place on the fourth Saturday of every month at the Morris Graves.

Admission to this all-ages event is a sliding scale of \$5 to \$10. Beer will be available for sale for those 21 and over.

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NATIVE LANDSCAPING Volunteers are needed to help maintain the native landscaping around the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center **today, July 20** from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Participants will be trained to recognize native and non-native plants, and can then come out during times that best fit their schedule. Bring gloves if you have them and come dressed for the weather. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. (707) 444-1397, info@friendsofthedunes.org

BIRD THE MARSH Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, July 23**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Ken Burton in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

KAYAK THE LOST COAST The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Lost Coast Interpretive Association invite you to "Kayaking the Lost Coast" on **Saturday, July 23** from 9 a.m. to noon in Shelter Cove. Paddlers will learn about California Coastal National Monument, which includes more than 20,000 rocks, islands and pinnacles off the California coast. Managed by the BLM, the monument stretches along 1,600 acres of California coastal shoreline and prairies, and extends from mean high tide line to 12 nautical miles out to sea. The King Range National Conservation Area and the California Coastal National Monument are part of the BLM's National Conservation Lands. Additional information on the area's natural resources and recreation opportunities are available at blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/arcata.html. Participants will meet at the boat launch site before 9 a.m. to register for the paddle. Bring water, food, sunblock, sunglasses and a hat. Those without their own kayaks and safety equipment can rent from Pacific Outfitters; there is a charge of \$69 per person. To sign up for this trip, visit pacificoutfittersadventures.com. For more information, call the BLM King Range Project Office, (707) 986-5400, or email ca338@blm.gov.

DUNES RESTORATION Help restore the Lanphere Dunes unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on **Saturday, July 23** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Gloves, tools and snacks are provided. Volunteers will remove invasive iceplant to make room for native diversity. Wear closed-toed shoes and bring drinking water. Meet at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Rd. in Arcata, to carpool to the protected site.

ORCHID WALK Orchids are a very diverse group, including quite dainty species. Join Naturalist Carol Ralph for an Orchid Walk at the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge on **Saturday, July 23** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn about five species of orchids that live in the Lanphere Dunes, four of which should be blooming. The walk will be one to two miles, partly on soft sand. Meet at Pacific Union School, 3001 Janes Rd. in Arcata to carpool to the protected site. RSVP to Friends of the Dunes at (707) 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org. This walk is co-sponsored by the California Native Plant Society and Friends of the Dunes.

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, July 23** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Katy Allen at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the history, plants, and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

SLOW MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour for those who love the Marsh and want to enjoy seeing it at a slower pace than regular Saturday tours on **Tuesday, July 26** at 2 p.m. The tour will last 90 minutes across even, level ground and is suitable to attendees of all ages who want to learn and like camaraderie. Meet leaders John DeMartini and Jane Wilson at the first parking lot on South I Street in from Samoa Boulevard. This tour is held the last Tuesday of each month, come rain, shine, or wind. (707) 826-2359

RAINY DAY DEDICATION Volunteers Saskia Burnett and daughter Hannah were all smiles at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on the rainy morning of Saturday, July 9 as they removed invasive *Spartina densiflora* from the banks of Butcher's Slough. A small group removed about three-quarter cubic yards of *Spartina*. The city provided some muffins for breakfast but the volunteers declined lunch. The City of Arcata's Environmental Services Department and the Humboldt Trails Council's Volunteer Trail Stewards hold a workday on Saturday, July 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to remove non-native, invasive plants from the Arcata Community Forest. Volunteers meet at 9 a.m. at the California Avenue Arcata Community Forest trailhead. Be sure to wear a long sleeve shirt, work pants and boots and bring rain gear and water. Gloves, tools, snacks and beverages will be provided. (707) 825-2163, eservices@cityofarcata.org PHOTO BY JAVIER NOGUEIRA



Register for Coastal Dunes Naturalist Training

FRIENDS OF THE DUNES

MANILA – Interested in learning more about our local beaches, dunes and wetlands? Registration is now open for the Friends of the Dunes Coastal Naturalist Training, which will take place from Sept. 14 to Oct. 22.

The training is a six-week course focused on local coastal natural history offered each fall. Evening lectures and weekend field trips are led by local experts and cover a variety of topics including dune geology, botany, animal tracking, cultural history, marine ecology and ecological restoration. The course is for community members interested in expanding their knowledge and appreciation of the coast. While you may take the course strictly for your own enjoyment, the course will also prepare you to become an active and informed volunteer with Friends of the Dunes.

The training includes Wednesday evening lectures from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center in Manila, and Saturday morning field sessions at various locations around the Humboldt Bay area. The fee for this course is \$150/\$125 for Friends of the Dunes members, Manila residents and students. For more information and to register, visit friendsofthedunes.org, email suzie@friendsofthedunes.org or call (707) 444-1397.

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According to the 2015 *National Park Visitor Spending Effects: Economic Contributions to Local Communities, States, and the Nation* report, visitation to Redwood National Park alone in 2015 generated \$33 million in non-local spending and directly supported 530 jobs.

While the numbers for Redwood National Park are impressive on their own, they do not include visitation statistics for the three California State Parks within the Redwood National and State Parks partnership — Del Norte Coast Redwoods, Jedediah Smith Redwoods and Prairie Creek Redwoods State Parks. Therefore, the actual numbers for both visitation and spending for the Redwood National and State Parks partnership are considerably higher than reported in the survey.

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ALUMNI & THIS YEAR'S PLAYERS



ALUMNI NIGHT The Humboldt Crabs celebrated Alumni Night on Friday, July 15, with former players joining this summer's team for a group shot, above. At left, the Bonomino brothers attended the game. Tonight, July 20, the Crabs take on Seals Baseball starting at 7 p.m. It's 1980s night, so feel free to dress like Madonna. Local '80s cover band Eyes Anonymous will start off the evening with a special rendition of the National Anthem. On Friday, July 22, the Crabs take on the Rally Factory Rock Hounds starting at 7 p.m. It's fireworks night, so neighbors should take precautions to protect their pets. The Crabs play the Rock Hounds again on Saturday, July 23 starting at 7 p.m. Saturday night is CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) night, sponsored by 99.1 KISS FM. CASA speaks out on behalf of and helps children in court. Also coming up is Pirate Night on Wednesday, July 27, when the Crabs will face the Redding Colt 45s at 7 p.m.; feel free to dress like Captain Jack Sparrow.

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It's all about the grass

Janine Volkmar

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Mike O'Dowd has what he calls "the best office in the world."

It's the maintenance building off of the third baseline of the Arcata Ballpark.

O'Dowd worked in the stock market in his former life, trading with the big boys at Goldman Sachs, both in Chicago and San Francisco. His coworkers called him crazy for swapping jobs, but when they see the beautiful ballpark when they visit, they call him a genius.

O'Dowd moved to the area when his wife got hired as a professor of environmental science at Humboldt State.

Now, he's creating a different kind of green: a perfect green carpet for baseball.

During Crabs season, O'Dowd and part-time worker Fred Lomeli mow the grass in the ballpark every day.

Not only do they mow the grass, they edge it, weed it, rake out the dirt after every game, put in new mound clay, use the pounder, and pick up any trash that may have blown onto their pristine field.

In other words, they keep the whole park looking immaculate.

And then they do it all over again.

Lomeli, a resident of Trinidad, is 71 years old and worked for the City of Arcata for 43 years. He retired, waited the mandatory six

months, and came back to work "during the Crabs season" as a part timer.

He's riding the massive mower around the park while I talk with O'Dowd, but stops the machine, gets off and gets down on his hands and knees to remove a dandelion.

O'Dowd challenges me to walk the park and find "even one weed."

That's not a result of extensive spraying, either.

"We get every weed out by surrounding it, and wiggling it, and massaging it out," he said. "A lot of weed seeds blow in by the Judo Hut and the visitor's dugout," he explained. "We know we have to watch that part. I learned from Fred you have to stay on top of it."

O'Dowd feels lucky to have Lomeli on the team.

"There's a magic to this ballpark."

– Mike O' Dowd

"Fred is amazing," said O'Dowd. "He's got the ability to do everything on the field – sometimes it makes me mad because he can do everything so well. He's an inspiration to a lot of people on our staff. He's 71 and he still works my tail off."

O'Dowd is no slouch either. He played ultimate frisbee for 35 years and coached the ultimate team at HSU for three years. In

addition, he and his wife have 5-year-old twin girls to run after.

"They love the games," he said. "I'll look over at the kids' area and see [kids] digging holes in the turf. I'll start to get mad and look closer, oh, it's my kids," he said with a smile.

Both O'Dowd's wife and Lomeli's wife consider the ballpark "the mistress to be jealous of" because almost every weekend of the summer is devoted to it. The couples do get to have time off with away games, but other teams use the park too.

The effort and hard work is worth it, though.

"There's a magic to this ballpark," O'Dowd said. "The last three visiting teams said, 'This is awesome. The grass is so beautiful.' They respect the work we put into it," he added.

The best part, according to O'Dowd, is "what the ballpark provides for the city and the people. It brings in three quarters of a million dollars but more important is the sense of pride. You go by on 101 and see the ballpark," he said. "Not every city has that."

When Zach Binney, a sports blogger and contestant on *Jeopardy*, mentioned the Arcata Ballpark as "the nicest minor league ballpark in the nation," lots of people texted and emailed O'Dowd.

"That's no news to me," he said.

O'Dowd, Lomeli and other members of the staff are challenged by problems but they solve



TURF GUYS Fred Lomeli, left, and Mike O'Dowd lovingly tend the Arcata Ballpark.

JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

them with hard work and perseverance.

"Last weekend, the pounder broke and the pressure washer broke down," he said.

In addition, there are concerns such as water usage regulations, hot spots on the grass, balancing the amount of fertilizer with its effect on the environment and, of course, the occasional rain storm.

Hot spots, for those gardeners at home who want to know how the pros do it, are opened up with a spade, and then the turf is flooded with water. That's a constant process.

O'Dowd's title with the city is senior maintenance. He's one of a staff of six part timers and six full timers who care for 27 outlying parks, the Plaza and the grounds around the library, city hall, both community centers, Redwood Lodge, Redwood Lounge and the Interpretive Center at the Arcata

Marsh. The staff has a crew meeting at 7:30 every morning to make a plan.

"Our staff members take pride in what we do," he said.

"Most of the Far West league parks can't touch this field," he said. "It's a testament to Fred, to the Crabs organization, and to the City of Arcata's support."

O'Dowd and Lomeli pose for a photo. When I kneel down to take it, my hand brushes the grass they work so hard to maintain. It's like a velvet carpet.

They let me take a few pictures but it's clear they are antsy to get back to work.

After all, as O'Dowd said, "A lot of people are depending on us: the players, the board and the fans."

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Belle

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Yet what are these adornments but superficial costumes, how much more can they tell you about a princess' character than a narrow band of blue light reflecting off a river's surface might tell you about the complex world thriving below? Must one not leap into the turquoise aquamarine to know the drama of the many lives underneath? Must one not look deep into the eyes of another being and bare their soul before they can guess what fruits may be born of their potential bond?

Alas, how I drone on lost in the vanity of my florid words while these royal ladies sit in waiting! Forget me and run east, my friend, with haste run to Blue Lake, do not hesitate another moment longer to begin your adventure with the fairest sisters in all the land!

Belle and Ariel are approximately a year old and will be spayed and fully vaccinated prior to adoption. If you want to learn more about these cats (or our many other kittens) please give us a call at (707) 826-7387 or visit the thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata. You can also email cafanimals@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org, or check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook.



To talk about tiny houses

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – Tiny house village advocate Andrew Heben will speak on transitional and affordable housing options on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St., Arcata. Admission is free and open to anyone wishing to learn about tiny houses as a possible answer to the problem of chronic homelessness.

Heben will present research from his book, *Tent City Urbanism: From Self-Organized Camps to Tiny House Villages*, and share lessons learned in developing Opportunity Village in Eugene, Ore., a transitional micro-housing community for otherwise homeless individuals and couples, and the planning of Emerald Village, an affordable micro-housing community for people with very low incomes.

Heben has a background in urban planning. Many of the ideas from his book have been put into action with the co-founding of SquareOne Villages, a nonprofit organization based in Eugene that creates self-managed communities of cost-effective tiny houses for those in need of housing. Heben's tiny house village concept offers a bottom-up approach to sheltering people without homes in a way that is economically, socially and environmentally sustainable, typically on public land. The village model emphasizes democratic self-management, clean and sober living and peer support.

DOG AGILITY The Lost Coast Kennel Club hosts a dog agility event **Saturday, July 23** through

Monday, July 25. Dogs will be jumping, scrambling, climbing and weaving at the Ferndale Fairgrounds. Visitors are welcome, but please leave pets at home.



Harley

Bentley

when I look back over recent weeks, there is so much more going on.

The recent weeks have had their share of ups and downs, as most weeks do in the rescue world. One of the high points has been that we are continuing to get homeless dogs spayed and neutered at a rate of about two to three a week, thanks to financial assistance from some of our sister rescue groups – Companion Animal Foundation, Friends for Life and Humboldt Spay Neuter Network.

The generosity of individuals in this community is also deeply appreciated, whether they are contributing to funding the work Redwood Pals does or giving to the shelter's Emergency Medical Fund or donating pet food and blankets. Redwood Pals' spay and neuter grants for 2016 have already been used up; not really a bad thing, as it means we are moving faster to reduce overpopulation in our canine community.

Publicity for the dogs and cats is another ongoing project. I am always happy to hear that people have learned about adoptable dogs from reading my column or seeing posts on our Facebook pages (Redwood Pals Rescue or the Humboldt County Animal Shelter). Volunteers have also taken dogs to the Kinetic Sculpture Race, Eureka's Fourth of July festival and afternoon events at local brew-

A sleepy princess and a pair of jokers

eries, which have resulted in several recent adoptions.

Some of you may have seen the dogs and cats that have been featured on KIEM's Thursday night news, usually accompanied by shelter staff, occasionally by yours truly. This past week featured these two little guys, Harley and Bentley.

Harley is a 3-year-old long-haired Chihuahua mix and Bentley is a 1-year-old Miniature Pinscher mix. These two came in together after being abandoned in Eureka. They could be adopted together or separately. They are friends and would undoubtedly be happy to go home together, but they are not so bonded that they would be damaged if that did not happen.

Harley is the more mature and reserved dog and Bentley is the clown. He can even walk on his back legs! These two littles are ready to give their new families lots of entertainment and affection. They are both available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. They are neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

One of our Redwood Pals rescue dogs, Clara, does not like the shelter environment. She is overstimulated by all the barking and dogs coming and going. She literally climbs the walls of her kennel and has a hard time keeping any weight on.

This week, I took her to visit a pos-

sible foster home. She had met the resident dog before and they had gotten along fine, but this time she was very excited and wanted to show Clara all of her toys while Clara was still just sniffing and exploring the yard. It proved to be too much and Clara responded in a negative way, so we all agreed that another dog would be a better fit.

The sad part came when I brought her back to the shelter. While I listened to the end of a story on the radio, Clara climbed into my lap and fell instantly asleep. This poor dog is so exhausted that she is rarely at her best until she has had an hour or so to relax. It made me think of those experiments where people are woken up every hour to see if it makes them go crazy ...



DOG TOWN Mara Segal



Sleepy Clara

Is there someone who would be willing to give this cuddle-bug a chance (soon!)? Please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or (707) 839-9692 if you have a little time and would like to meet her for possible foster or adoption.

Clara is fine around other dogs on walks or casual encounters, and has several playmates at the shelter, but would probably do best in a one-dog home. She loves to lie in the grass or snuggle in a lap. She is very ready for a new life!

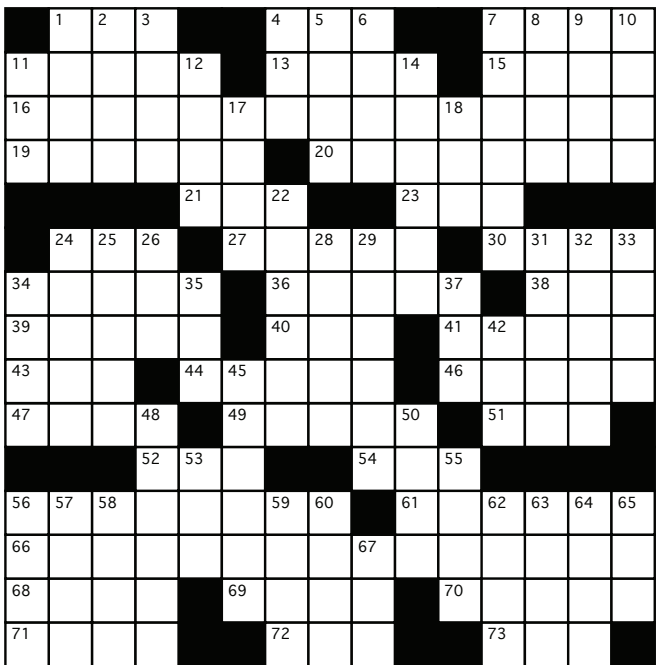
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HSU sorority recognized

HUMBOLDT STATE

PHILADELPHIA – Members of a Humboldt State sorority were recently recognized with 10 awards at a national convention.

The 2016 International Leadership Forum for the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority, Inc. was held in Philadelphia in late June. This biennium convention was attended by nearly 550 delegates around the country and marked the centennial kick off for Delta Phi Epsilon. The event included distinguished alumnae speakers, professional development workshops and the opportunity to celebrate Delta Phi Epsilon's 100 years of sisterhood and service.

The Epsilon Upsilon Chapter at Humboldt State sent three delegates to represent the HSU Chapter, currently the only active chapter on the west coast. HSU's undergraduate delegates included current Chapter President Jacqueline Trzeciak (senior, Cellular Molecular Biology), Vice President Operations Mickayla Matarazzo (junior, Social Work) and Vice President Academic Affairs Eve Mejia (senior, Cellular Molecular Biology).

Additionally, the California Alumnae Association, primarily composed of HSU graduates, had seven alumnae representatives from Humboldt State attending.

The Epsilon Upsilon Chapter at Humboldt State as well as the California Alumnae Association walked away with 10 awards total, the largest recognition for the west coast chapters in 28 years. Awards included recognition of both individual and organizational achievements.

The Epsilon Upsilon Chapter at Humboldt State University was chartered in 1988 and currently has close to 50 undergraduate members. Soon they will be joined by two new colonies being established on the west coast: California State University, Los Angeles (fall 2016) and University of California, Merced (spring 2018).



DOG TOWN Mara Segal



Sleepy Clara

Hydesville dogs attacked by rabid foxes

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HYDESVILLE – Two dogs from the Hydesville area were attacked by foxes that subsequently tested positive for rabies. Both dogs have been placed under 30-day, strict isolation quarantines.

One of the incidents involved human exposures, with two people now receiving prophylactic treatment.

In addition to these incidents, a bat in the Eureka area has tested positive for rabies, and the remains of a skunk, a second bat and a third Hydesville fox are currently being tested at the Department of Health & Human Services Public Health Laboratory in Eureka.

So far this year, 25 specimens have been tested for rabies.

Public Health officials caution against shooting animals in the head. “Because intact brain tissue is needed for an accurate lab test, shooting an animal in the head can delay and disrupt results,” said Supervising Environmental Health Specialist Amanda Ruddy.

When a test is incomplete or inconclusive, the specimen is treated as if rabid, leading to potentially unnecessary courses of action such as human prophylaxis and animal quarantines.

Experts say rabies is always present in the wildlife population throughout Humboldt County, especially among skunks, bats and

foxes.

Preventive measures include avoiding contact with wild and stray animals, bringing pet foods indoors at night, reporting animal bites to your county or municipal animal control officer, and if you are bitten, washing the bite immediately with soap and water and seeking medical attention.

Public Health officials stress the importance of fully vaccinating domestic animals against rabies, including dogs, cats and select livestock.

For information about rabies or to report a rabid animal, call the DHHS Division of Environmental Health at (707) 445-6215 or toll free at (800) 963-9241.

WESTHAVEN WATER BOARD The regular monthly meeting of the Westhaven Community Services District Board of Directors will be held on **today, July 20** at 7:30 p.m. at the Westhaven Fire Hall, 446 Sixth Ave. in Westhaven. In addition to the regular monthly financial reports, the board will discuss a water tank project, water rates and a grant for water meters. For a full agenda and more information call the district at (707) 677-0798 or email wcsd@suddenlinkmail.com. Regular board meetings are the third Wednesday of the month.

SPORTS ON TNT On KHSU 90.5's *Thursday Night Talk* this **July 21**, Doc Stull and Brenda Starr discuss sports as seen through the lens of race, politics and protests. There is a long history of mingling social justice and society in sports ... from Jesse Owens to Jackie Robinson to Jim Brown to Muhammad Ali. Join the conversation beginning at 7 p.m. khsu.org

MOBILE OUTREACH Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services Mobile Outreach will be at the McKinleyville Family Resource Center on **Tuesday, July 26** from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information about program services, call (707) 441-4650.

❖ EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Angels is seeking Caregivers, CNAs & HHAs to assist seniors in Fortuna, McKinleyville, and Eureka. Part-time and Full-time, flexible hours. Please call 707-362-8045.

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Applications accepted until 5:00 pm, July 27, 2016.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00416

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HUMBOLDT BRAIN HARMONY**
805 CRESCENT WAY BLDG 3
ARCATA, CA 95521
4905 S QUARRY RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
GENA C. PENNINGTON
4905 QUARRY RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/GENA PENNINGTON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 28, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
LH DEPUTY CLERK
716, 713, 7120, 7127

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00408

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **LOST COAST SURFPACKS**
805 DRIVER RD.
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
KIMBERLY C. BYNUM
805 DRIVER RD.
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
MICHAEL S. BYNUM
805 DRIVER RD.
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
This business is conducted by: A Married Couple
S/KIMBERLY BYNUM, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 27, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK
716, 713, 7120, 7127

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00415

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WILD AT HEARTH**
363 TRINITY STREET
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
P.O. BOX 1103
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
COLLEEN M. KELLY
181 BAUDER LANE
WESTHAVEN, CA 95570
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/COLLEEN M. KELLY, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 28, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
KL DEPUTY CLERK
716, 713, 7120, 7127

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00427

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **COMMON SCENTS CANDLES**
1427 SUNSET AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
ERIN N. CAVANAUGH
1427 SUNSET AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
MIKE G. MCNEIL
1427 SUNSET AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership
S/ERIN CAVANAUGH, GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JULY 1, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK
716, 713, 7120, 7127

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT 16-00419

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ECO-ASCENSION RESEARCH & CONSULTING**
1181 NELSON WAY
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
JIM CAMPBELL-SPICKLER
1181 NELSON WAY
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/JIM CAMPBELL-SPICKLER, CHIEF BIOLOGIST
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 29, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
GW DEPUTY CLERK
716, 713, 7120, 7127

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00376

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HUMBOLDT JUNK COMPANY**
4060 N HWY 101
EUREKA, CA 95503
P.O. BOX 4734
ARCATA, CA 95518
DANIEL A. JENSEN
4060 N HWY 101
EUREKA, CA 95503
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/DANIEL A. JENSEN, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 8, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
LH DEPUTY CLERK
716, 713, 7120, 7127

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00434

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GLASS HOUSE**
1264 GIUNTOLI LN SUITE B
ARCATA, CA 95521
JASON P. VRBAS
1264 GIUNTOLI LN SUITE B
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/JASON P. VRBAS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JULY 6, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
AA DEPUTY CLERK
713, 7120, 7127, 813

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00423

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NIVEEN'S RESTAURANT**
2145 CENTRAL AVE.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
FADI ZEIDAN
371 FRANKLIN AVE.
FORTUNA, CA 95540
EHAB HADDADIN
371 FRANKLIN AVE.
FORTUNA, CA 95540
This business is conducted by: [left blank]
S/FADI ZEIDAN, CO-PARTNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JUNE 30, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK
713, 7120, 7128, 813

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 16-00407

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **PROVIDENCE HOME**

2460 HILLSIDE DR. EUREKA, CA 95501

CATHERINE M. HENSON
2460 HILLSIDE DR. EUREKA, CA 95501
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/CATHERINE ME HENSON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JULNE 23, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK
7120, 7129, 813, 810

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

KRISTIN SAUER
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV160543
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: KRISTIN RENEE GRAZER to Proposed name KRISTIN RENE SAUER; b. Present name: TYLER DAVID GRAZER SAUER to Proposed name DAVID CASEY SAUER; c. Present name: LUCY DIANE SAUER MONROE to Proposed name LUCY DIANE SAUER.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: JUL 7 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
7120, 7127, 813, 810

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ARTHUR MARTIN WATSON

CASE NO.: PR160201
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ARTHUR MARTIN WATSON.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: SANDRA ANN WATSON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: SANDRA ANN WATSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

PATTY MARSH
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV160562
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner PATTY MARSH has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Date: JUN 28 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
7120, 7127, 813, 810

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

PATTY MARSH
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV160562
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner PATTY MARSH has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: AUTUMN RAIN SIMPSON

To Proposed name AUTUMN RAIN MARSH.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: AUGUST 26, 2016
Time: 1:45 p.m.
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: JUL 7 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
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Date: July 28, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner: ARTHUR NIELSEN
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2850 HARRIS STREET
EUREKA, CA 95503
(707) 269-0167 716, 713, 7120

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labor, supervision, incidents, testing, equipment, materials and performing all work required to make those improvements. The WORK consists of, but is not limited to excavation, forming, placing of rebar and sub drainage pipes, shotcreting of new spillway channel, excavating down to undisturbed soil and placing of City supplied 36 inch reinforced concrete pipe connected to one existing and two new drainage structures with fittings and appurtenances in the City of Arcata, California.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: August 4, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Eureka, CA 95501
• City of Arcata, Engineering Department, 525 9th Street, Arcata, CA 95521

The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Pursuant to Section 1733 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281 for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft or classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determinations.

Sealed bids will be received until **11:00 a.m. on August 9th, 2016**, at which time they will be transferred to the City Council Chambers where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Engineer or his designated representative. Said bids will be referred to the Arcata City Council for consideration at their next regularly scheduled meeting on or after **August 17th, 2016**.

Questions regarding the project may be directed to, or a site tour may be arranged, by contacting the **Arcata Engineering Department at 825-2174**.

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